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1. In the fall of 1953, 48 dispersal areas, part of them with aircraft pavements, had been completed at Oranienburg airfield. Source furnished a sketch on the location of the hardstands.<sup>1</sup> A concrete apron had been constructed in front of the hangar.

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3. In October, construction work was being done in the annex to the hangar.

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- Soil had been taken from the pits at the former southern end of the runway during construction work. Afterwards the pits were filled again. The debris of Antonienhof was removed and the area was levelled. A firing range which had been established at the field when construction work started was dismantled and the terrain was also levelled. No new firing range was under construction.

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5. In October, construction work was under way at the fuel dump at which about 40 fuel containers with a capacity of 24,000 liters each were observed. Shrapnel-proof walls were being erected in the dump.<sup>2</sup>
6. Since late September, a labor unit of about 50 Soviet soldiers equipped with 10 caterpillar tractors and construction machinery have been stationed at the field.
7. The quartering buildings Nos 2 and 3 in the "Weisse Stadt" where the construction workers had been billeted, were vacated. Within the Weisse Stadt restricted area 5 or 6 small underground bunkers had been constructed with logs and covered with earth. The bunkers were occupied by Soviet soldiers.<sup>2</sup>

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9. In late October, about 200 construction workers were employed at the field.

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10. On 26 October, the field was not yet occupied. Construction work was still going on. Briquettes were shipped to the field and unloaded by soldiers along the railroad line.

11. A building 5 to 6 meters high and 5 meters wide and long, with an entrance to the south and, as far as could be observed, without windows was constructed between Wilhelminenhof and the taxiway. A small ditch, which source believed was a cable trench, was dug west of the new building in the direction of the runway.

12. A fence extended from the southeastern corner of the field to the Wilhelmsthal estate west of the field path. A VP sentry was guarding the bridge at the northeastern corner of the field. Nobody was permitted to approach the area farther than 50 meters from the bridge. About 40 fuel containers were observed in rows between concrete facilities at the fuel dump.

13. In the second half of October, air force soldiers were converting the middle section of building No 17 at the Weisse Stadt into a motor vehicle repair shop.

14. On 22 October, fuel containers were installed at the fuel dump in the northeastern corner of the field. Several concrete mixers and field railway tracks were observed near the spur track outside of the field. The equipment was probably to be shipped away. The field was unoccupied.

15. On 28 October, no aircraft were observed at the field. About 100 workers were doing construction work. About 25 aircraft revetments with camouflage paint were seen.

1. Comment. For location sketches of aircraft dispersal areas at the field, see Annex 1.

2. Comment. Information on the number of fuel containers varies between 40 and 48. It is believed that the fuel dump will have a total capacity of 1,000 cubic meters.

3. Comment. For location of buildings mentioned, see sketch attached

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5. Comment. For layout sketch of the field, see Annex 2.

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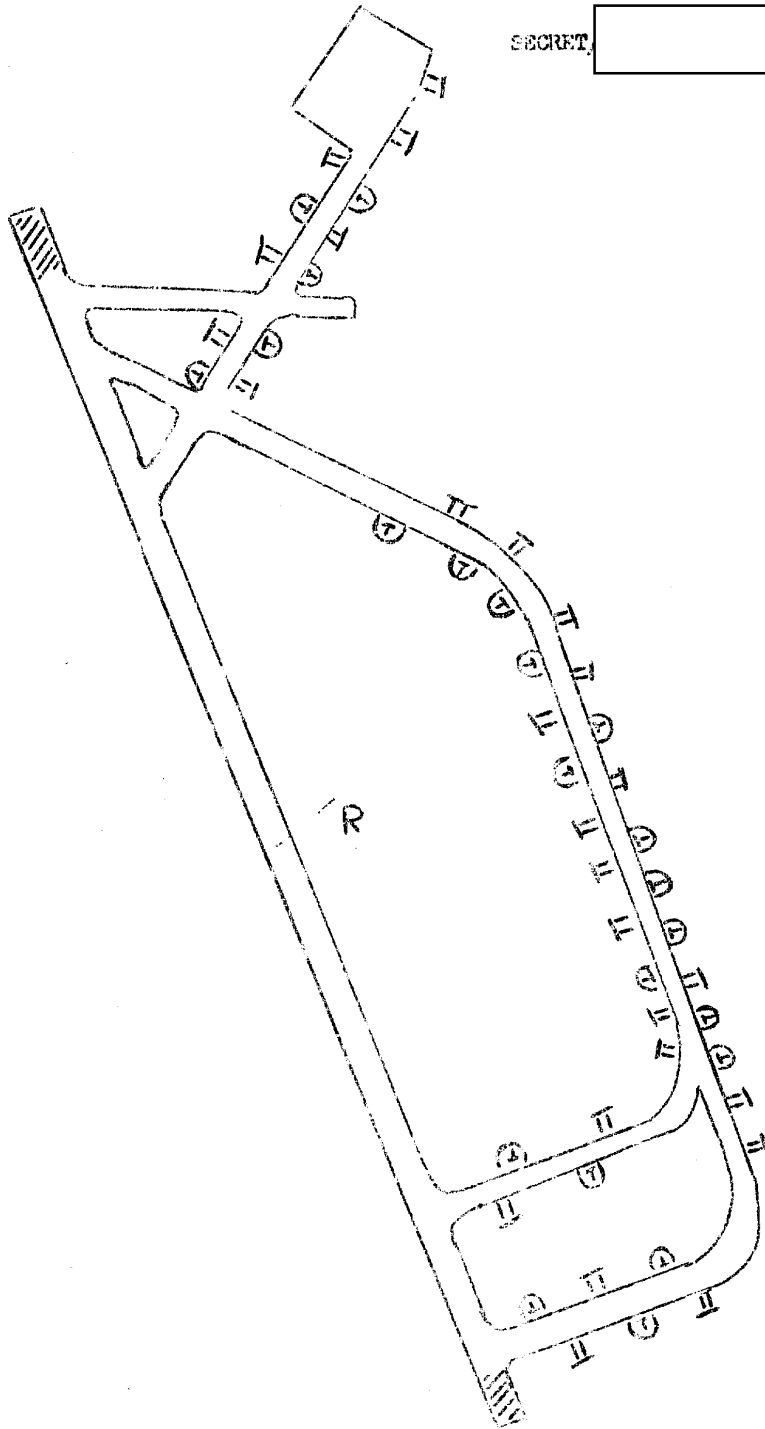
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ANNEX I

Location Sketch of Hardstands at Granienburg Airfield

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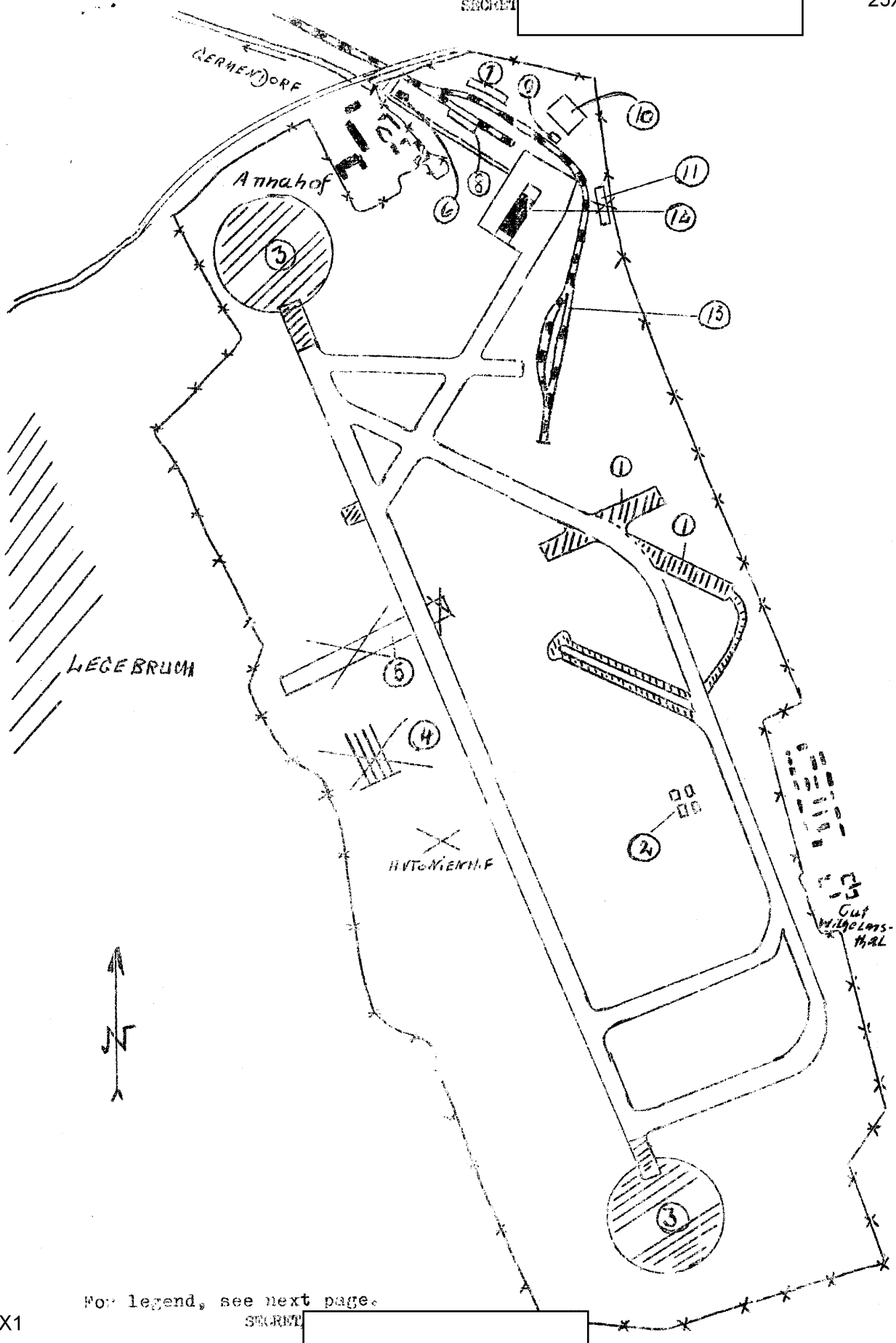
(1) - Concrete hardstands  
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with shrapnelproof walls

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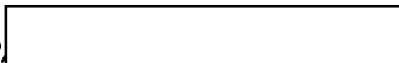
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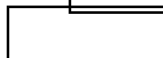
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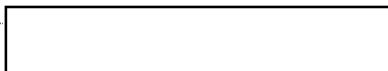
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Oranienburg Airfield

Legend:

- 1 Hardstands
- 2 Old pumping station
- 3 Graded aprons at ends of runway
- 4 Firing range
- 5 Former taxiway
- 6 Guardhouse
- 7 Former air raid shelter with garages for 6 sedans; the shelter is intact but for missing doors
- 8 Temporary landing ramp
- 9 Brick transformer station
- 10 New fuel dump
- 11 Destroyed boiler house
- 12 Hangar
- 13 Spur track

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